INTERNATIONAL REFERENCE REAGENTS AND INTER-LABORATORY ASSAYS

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The OIE Biological Standards Commission is concerned with developing internationally agreed standards for laboratory diagnostic tests and vaccines for OIE-listed animal diseases of mammals, birds and bees. To achieve this one of its major activities is promoting the international standardisation of diagnostic tests, including the preparation and distribution of standard reagents.

This presentation will address the current situation with regard to the development and use of international standard sera and the performance of inter-laboratory assays and the role that OIE Reference Laboratories can play in furthering this objective.